3061 Azalea Dr., NE Indian Land, SC 29707-5860 February 25, 2010

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Att: Docketing Dept. P. O. Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Docket No. 2009-489-E

Gentlemen:

We are outraged over the impending 10% rate hike for SC electric and gas companies, at a time when most people are struggling just to put food on the table, and some people are having working hours reduced and raises denied.

Whose pockets are being lined? You should investigate this greed by these companies. They have been approved for a 2.5% annual rate increase, and a 4.4% rate hike in 2008. This proposed rate increase will increase our power bills by about \$140 per year.

We are senior citizens and cannot afford this increase. We didn't get a raise in our Social Security this year. Our last natural gas bill on February 15 was \$162.37. This is outrageous for a 1,550 sq. ft. home.

Please deny this 10% rate hike. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patricia and Anthony Donatelli

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